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The Honorable Diana Harshbarger  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Harshbarger,

On behalf of the American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists (AAPP), we write to congratulate you on your new role of Vice Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health.

AAPP is a professional association of nearly 3,000 members who specialize in psychiatry, substance use disorders (SUD), and psychopharmacology and are frequently residency trained and Board certified in psychiatric pharmacy holding the BCPP credential (Board-Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist). Psychiatric pharmacists have advanced training and expertise to provide direct patient care and medication management for the complete range of psychiatric disorders and SUDs across the lifespan.

Your background as a pharmacist is critical to ensuring that the real-world challenges facing both patients and providers—including the pharmacy profession—are meaningfully reflected in federal health legislation. This clinical foundation, paired with your steadfast commitment to strengthening the health care workforce, including retail and clinical pharmacists, and improving care delivery for all Americans, makes your leadership especially valuable to the Subcommittee on Health. We are grateful that you will help lead these important conversations and deliberations in pursuit of high-quality, patient-centered care.

We deeply value your commitment to ensuring that pharmacists' patient care services are recognized and reimbursed. We commend you for introducing the Ensuring Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act (ECAPS) (H.R. 3164), which recognizes the indispensable role of pharmacists under Medicare, expands critical access to pharmacy services, and strengthens public health preparedness and response to infectious disease threats. In addition to ECAPS, we look forward to working with you on other legislative initiatives before the Health Subcommittee during the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress that elevate the indispensable role of pharmacists on Capitol Hill in helping people live longer, healthier lives.

Again, congratulations on your new role. We look forward to working together. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [bschimenti@aapp.org](mailto:bschimenti@aapp.org) or our Health Policy Consultant, Laura Hanen at [lahanen@venable.com](mailto:lahanen@venable.com).

Sincerely,

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